Joint Australian Council of Deans of ICT and ACS Foundation Event

Shaping the Future of ICT

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Introduction

• Welcome to all the attending delegates
• ACDICT and ACS Foundation

Agenda
1.30pm  - Introductory Remarks - Professor Peter Cole, President ACDICT.
1.40pm  - Standards - Professor Janet Verbyla, Dean and Pro Vice Chancellor, University of Southern Queensland.
2.00pm  - The future of the Australian ICT Industry - Bob Hayward, Chief Technical Officer and Chief Innovation Officer, CSC.
2.20pm  - Research - Dr Phil Robertson, Chief Operating Officer, NICTA.
2.45pm  - Break into discussion groups
3.45pm  - Afternoon Tea
Agenda cont.

4.05pm - Summary of findings

4.10 - 4.20pm - Standards
4.20 - 4.30pm - The Future
4.30 - 4.40pm - Research
4.40 - 5.00pm - General Discussion and Questions for Panel

5.00pm Closing Remarks - Professor Peter Cole
Issues facing the IT Industry and Academic sectors

- ICT Education
  - Domestic students numbers still low
    - 60% of 2000 levels – Job vacancies at a all time high
  - Schools of IT under constant pressure to give the breadth of ICT education needed by industry
  - “Standards or Standardisation” ? Driving up administrative costs
  - ERA – impacts of 2 and 4 codes journals and conferences

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Issues facing the IT Industry and Academic sectors

• Industry requirements –
  • Work Integrated Learning (WIL)
    • ACS Foundation contribution - providing scholarships
  • Broader skills required of graduates
    • Is 3 years enough?

• The issues go on
• What are the roles that Government, Industry and Academia should play to give Australian the capacity to grow in the future?